

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, 2008

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Falen Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP Finlay led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced Mission to Mars event on March 8 at 2:00 p.m.
Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber, announced Health Fair on March 12, Celebrity Waiter Dinner on March 14, Good Morning Duarte on March 16, State of the City/School District on April 2, and thanked all for the courtesies extended to her for the past years.
Earl Parker, Enough is Enough, thanked all who participated in the peace march.
Karen Herrera announced Duarte's Promise César Chávez event on March 29 at the City of Hope.
Lisa Magno announced Route 66 Parade Committee meeting on February 27, 7:00 p.m., at the Duarte Elks Lodge.
Ed Houlemarde, DYAC, announced annual pancake breakfast on March 15, thanked all who helped DYAC get teams on the field for practice, and asked that fees for the lights at Duarte Sports Park be waived.

SPECIAL ITEMS
Recognition – Falcon Football Team Mayor Reyes introduced Coach Crutchfield and presented certificates of recognition to the Duarte High School Falcon Football team players who participated in the CIF playoffs, and congratulations were extended.

Presentation – Public Safety Department 2007 Review Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, provided an overview of public safety services, including Sheriff's Department services and personnel, crime statistics, code compliance, animal control, and youth programs, and introduced Angie Rincon who provided information about the VIBE program.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Harb Thind – Homeless persons, bus ridership.
Ana Lisa Hernandez – Public safety email alerts, DYAC fees.

CONSENT CALENDAR
(Items added) Finlay stated she would like to attend the League of California Cities Ethics Training and General Meeting. Paras-Caracci stated she would like to attend the League's General Meeting also. Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to add the above two attendance requests to Item 10.J of the Consent Calendar, and carried unanimously.

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as amended, as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B, C, J.
Receive and File Items D, E, F, G, H, I.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY
COMMISSION – Speed Survey

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to receive and file the 2007/08 Speed Zone Survey pertaining to speed surveys on 28 sections of arterial and collector streets, and found that the current speed limits are appropriate, safe, and facilitate the orderly movement of traffic, and that no adjustments to the maximum speed limits are warranted, as recommended by the Traffic and Safety Commission, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS
Agreement – Barrow/Hoffman

Slater noted Item 5.B (Suspension or Termination of Agreement) has been corrected to read: *Consultant may terminate this Agreement upon not less than thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the City.*

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement between the City of Duarte and Mary Barrow dba Barrow/Hoffman Public Relations, as amended above, extending the Agreement on the same terms and conditions through June 30, 2009, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement, and carried unanimously.

2007/08 State Supplemental Law
Enforcement Services grant funds

Brian Villalobos provided a staff report about the recommendation for use of the 2007/08 State Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services grant funds for COPS (Citizens Options for Public Safety) program.

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the use of the 2007/08 State Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services grant funds for front line law enforcement services, specifically, the motorcycle deputy, special deputy overtime patrols, school resource deputy, motorcycle patrol, and the Duarte and Monrovia Active Gang Enforcement (DAMAGE) task force, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

GASTON: Stated the Business Connection with the Mayor is an outstanding idea, Duarte Community Coordinating Council will develop a calendar and work with the local businesses pertaining to fundraising needs, commended Second Baptist Church on the Black History Month tribute play, the peace march was outstanding, attended the Contract Cities meeting, and commended Duarte's Promise for the regional training that was done in our City.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended Santa Anita Family YMCA board meeting, traveled to Sacramento regarding the Youth in Government program, attended the NLC leaders meeting in Washington D.C. where there were discussions about civic and youth engagement, as well as youth violence, stated she would like to look at the cost for including the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter in the budget, and stated there is a drainage issue on Royal Oaks and Vineyard, north of the bike trail.

FINLAY: Announced Duarte Talent Show on March 15, 7:00 p.m., at the PAC center, and stated she and Donna Georgino went to El Salvador with the Rotary Club to deliver a donated ambulance.

FASANA: Congratulated the group Enough is Enough on the successful peace march, distributed copies of the COG's Strategic Plan and discussed some of its goals, and asked that the

policy pertaining to removal/replacement of City trees in the right-of-way be agendized for discussion.

GEORGE: Stated staff members recently sat on a panel at the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Conference to discuss the proposed TOD project, and thanked staff who supported the peace march.

REYES: Requested that a discussion be agendized pertaining to the possibility of the Black History Month event at the PAC center being included as one of the City's free facility uses, announced DYAC opening day on March 15, thanked all who participated in the press conference regarding the violence issue, met with Daniel Morales of the San Gabriel Valley Small Business Development Center who is interested in assisting youth, stated he was interviewed by KFI on February 16, thanked Enough is Enough for its help with the march, announced City of Hope health fair on March 12, thanked staff for organizing the Business Connection and for participating in the San Gabriel Valley Economic Development Partnership event, attended Maxwell School's Black History event, stated the Second Baptist Church event was great, stated he would like to schedule community meetings in different school sites, and read Valentine notes he received from Andres Duarte students.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m., in memory of Terren Hall and Amparo Pardo, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

City Clerk